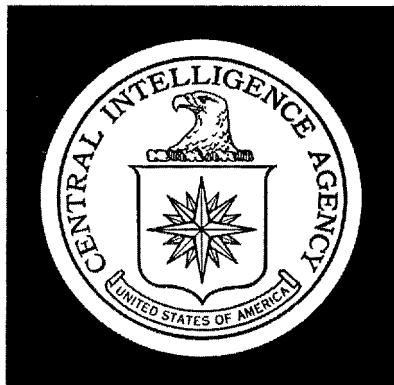


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1. Most Uruguayans continue to take pride in the fact that the Presidents' Meeting will be held in their country. A recent motion to embarrass the government over its security measures, initiated by one of the five deputies who represent the Communist electoral front, failed--receiving only 10 votes out of 62 present.

2. The Communist Party of Uruguay continues to make elaborate plans for its anti-summit meeting campaign: leaflets, wall paintings, and banners will be distributed widely throughout Montevideo, tar bombs will be thrown against US property, and "lightning demonstrations" are to take place. The party feels confident that it will be able to organize a general strike during the "Struggle Week" of 10-16 April. Moreover, each trade union affiliate of the Communist-dominated labor confederation reportedly has pledged money and volunteers for a march from Montevideo to Punta del Este during the meeting.

3. Despite their grandiose plans, the Communists and other leftists have no illusions about the capabilities of the Uruguayan security forces. For example, they expect their banners--the first of which appeared yesterday--to be torn down almost as soon as they are put up and really hope only to be able to photograph them before they are destroyed.

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4. Elsewhere, two Communist revolutionary groups in the interior of Colombia have skirmished with the military. The Communists are also rumored to be planning terrorist acts in urban areas, targeted principally against Americans. There are indications that the "revolutionaries" may hope to keep the country in such a state of unrest that Congress will not permit President Lleras to leave for Punta del Este.

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